

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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SUPERINTENDENT HORNE TO ANNOUNCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ENGLISH IMMERSION INSTRUCTION FOR ARIZONA CHILDREN

PHOENIX (Wednesday, February 12, 2003) -- Superintendent Tom Horne tomorrow will hold a press conference to uphold Proposition 203, English for the Children Arizona, a campaign promise to ensure all children learn English as quickly as possible in order that No Child Be Left Behind. New guidelines for compliance with Proposition 203 will be issued at that time.

In addition to enforcing the law, Superintendent Horne will emphasize services the Department will furnish to schools, to be sure that every school teaches English as quickly as possible. Once they become fluent in English, students soar academically as individuals.

The press conference will be at Andalucia Middle School, which has an exemplary English immersion program that proves the academic benefits to the students.

WHO: SUPERINTENDENT HORNE TO ANNOUNCE

IMPLEMENTATION OF ENGLISH IMMERSION

INSTRUCTION FOR ARIZONA CHILDREN

WHERE: ANDALUCIA MIDDLE SCHOOL (623) 848-8646

LIBRARY

4730 W. CAMPBELL

DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2003

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

TAKE INDIAN SCHOOL TO 47TH AVENUE, GO NORTH ON 47TH AVENUE, ½ MILE TO **DIRECTIONS:**

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